

## Hospital Trains

# Mommy's Little Helpers

Have you ever seen a five year old child change a diaper? If you haven't you don't know what you are missing.

A new session has been added to the family-centered maternity care program at Baptist Memorial Hospital East (Memphis): the Sibling Class. A component of the family-centered approach to maternity care, the purpose of this class is to foster a feeling of security and togetherness for all members of the family, especially the child.

The session is held in conjunction with the natural childbirth classes. The sibling class is taught every fourth week at which time mothers are encouraged to bring their children, ages three and up.

What goes on in a class? The children are taken on a tour to see the new babies and are shown an empty hospital room "to see where mother will be." A nurse demonstrates how to hold, bathe, and feed the newborn and each child gets to diaper a doll. There is a formula tasting period. What new babies do and how to help mother is

discussed. Safety is also included as the children are taught not to stick things in the new babies' eyes, ears, etc.

One of the mothers whose child attended the class, said "As a mother it was thrilling to see what they taught the children and how they handled them. The nurses managed them beautifully." Little David, who calls babies "no necks" because they don't have necks, said he loved the class. "Seeing those babies in the plastic houses was neat."

The comments from the kids are just as much fun as watching them. A remark by a five year old when asked by another child, do you want a boy or girl was: "You don't get any choice — you take what you get and that's that!" And, a nine year old girl stated, "My dad wants a boy. You know how men are — he wanted a boy when I was born."

There are five objectives of the class, according to Pat Stanfill, Assistant Director, Maternal and Child Health Nursing:

1. To promote growth of the family unit by facilitating a good relationship between the child and newborn.

2. To decrease sibling rivalry by increasing the child's knowledge of the baby's need.

3. To describe (in children's terms) the hospital environment.

4. To increase the child's knowledge of the newborn.

5. To alleviate fear of separation from the mother during her hospital stay.

The classes are very successful and more children than anticipated have been attending. Everyone knows what it is like for siblings who are about to have an "addition" to the family... they are very apprehensive about the "intruder" coming into their lives. The class really helps to alleviate this... it definitely recognizes the needs of the children.



David Bradford learns to change a diaper as a part of the new Sibling Class at Baptist Memorial Hospital East (Memphis).



Kathy Smith, R.N., patient education coordinator responsible for developing the Sibling Class at Baptist Memorial Hospital East (Memphis), tours the children.

## Higher Postage . . .

### Subscription Rate To Increase

By The Editor

A postage rate increase which went into effect with our issue of July 17 has forced the *Baptist Record* to plan for an increase in subscription costs beginning Jan. 1, 1981.

The new rate for the Every Family Plan, whereby the church acts as the circulation agency for the entire membership, will be \$3.48 per family per year. This will be an increase of 24 cents per family per year over the present rate of \$3.24. This amounts to a 7 percent increase, which, of course, is less than the rate of inflation. The new postage rate was a 21 percent increase.

On a monthly basis, the new rate will be 29 cents per family per month. It was felt that churches using the Every

Family Plan would want this information as early as possible in order to use it in their budget planning.

This is not the highest nor the lowest of subscription rates for the Baptist state papers across the nation. Many factors affect the cost of getting the paper to the subscribers. One of the biggest factors is size, for newsprint is a major item in the cost of the production. The *Baptist Record* is consistently one of the two largest in the nation in size, meaning we can carry more news of interest to all Baptists than we would be able to with a smaller format.

The other two plans for subscribing, the club plan and the annual individual subscription, will also be increased accordingly. The club plan will be in-

creased from \$3.96 to \$4.24, and the annual individual subscription will be increased from \$4.25 to \$4.55.

While the *Baptist Record* regrets the necessity of increasing the circulation costs, we feel that at \$3.48 the paper is still very much worthwhile. The 24-cent increase is less than one-half cent per week for the 50 issues for each subscriber. With a circulation of 128,500, we are the third largest in the nation among the state papers. The large circulation allows us to be able to handle added expenses on such small circulation cost increases.

We appreciate the confidence placed in us by the Baptists of Mississippi, and surely we at the *Baptist Record* will continue to strive to be sure that the confidence is well placed.

## Victoria Tolbert Set Free; Given Security In Liberia

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Victoria A. Tolbert, wife of the late William R. Tolbert, former president of Liberia, has been set free after being held by authorities since her husband's assassination April 12.

Mrs. Tolbert, president of Woman's Missionary Union for the Liberia Baptist Convention, was released July 12, according to John E. Mills, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's director for west Africa, who just returned from Liberia. She was given a house, a car, a driver, and two security

officers and was told she was free to go anywhere, according to a government radio report.

Southern Baptist missionaries have visited her and said she looks well, Mills reported. Several family members are still being questioned by a government tribunal and one of Tolbert's sons, A. B. Tolbert, is still in custody.

Mills met with the permanent secretary to Liberia's head of state who told him that missionary activity is still appreciated and that the country

still needs Southern Baptist help, especially in education. Mills said an 11 p.m. curfew is still in effect but churches are meeting normally.

Baptist women from all over the world met in connection with the 14th Baptist World Congress in Toronto, Canada, the week previous to Mrs. Tolbert's release and made her release a matter of prayer. A resolution asking for Mrs. Tolbert's release was passed by the Woman's Department of Baptist World Alliance.



Brotherhood volunteers prepare food for Red Cross volunteers to deliver to Belzoni flood victims.

### Belzoni Waters Mobilize New Disaster Unit

Eleven inches of rain in 14 hours last week at Belzoni brought a request from the Red Cross for help from Mississippi Baptists, and the Brotherhood Department's new motor home was placed into service to provide hot meals for the victims.

This motor home was obtained for Mississippi Baptists due largely to the efforts of Joe Triplett, the associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, who died recently with cancer.

Two hundred homes were flooded in the small Delta city. All but two of them were homes of black families. Four hundred persons spent at least

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**Pollard** Frank Pollard, pastor of Jackson's First Baptist Church has resigned to become pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.

The Jackson church has also had two other staff changes. Frank Butler, minister to young adults and college, resigned to enter secular business in Atlanta. And Mike Jeter, assistant to the pastor, moved over to take Butler's place.

Pollard, at First Church since 1974 when he came from the pastorate of Shiloh Terrace Church, Dallas, Tex., is a graduate of Texas A&M University and Southwestern Seminary. He was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity from Mississippi College in 1976.

He has been speaker for "The Baptist Hour" radio program since 1975 and has been host of "At Home With the Bible," which has been on syndi-

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Christian Education Commission and the trustees. It was subsequently endorsed by both the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the convention.

The study was said to have been requested because of the financial condition of the school, a condition which was declared to have been brought on by declining enrollment. College officials, however, now point to a possible reversal of that trend.

The Clarke administration and the trustees requested a hearing on March 14 of this year by the Executive Committee of the Convention Board and the Christian Education Commission to discuss financial conditions at the college. The result was that the Executive Committee assured the operation of the college through the spring of 1981, during which time the SBC Education Commission would have completed its

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### Staff Prepares State Missions Presentations

Staff members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be available for speaking engagements in churches for the dates of Sept. 14 and 17, according to Earl Kelly, executive secretary-secretary-treasurer. The purpose is for helping disseminate information regarding the Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering for Mississippi and the ministry which it is to accomplish.

A new item added in this year is a ministry at Parchman Prison. The Lottie Moon Offering is used to help finance missions efforts around the world, and the Annie

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# Baylor Trustees Resolve Text Controversy, Shelving Book

By Toby Drain

WACO, Texas (BP) — Baylor University trustees have unanimously approved a 10-point report of their Academic Affairs Committee, which shelves the controversial "People of the Covenant" as a primary textbook for Old Testament courses and underscores commitment to a 1963 statement of Baptist Faith and Message for current and future faculty members of the department of religion.

The Bible, the statement said, will be the textbook for survey courses required of all Baylor students. The department of religion will teach it as the word of God and each teacher will "make clear his own personal belief and position" in line with affirmation of his commitment to the 1963 statement.

In a question and answer session after presentation of the report, Baylor President Abner V. McCall says he expects no changes of teachers in the department of religion and said the report was "largely a declaration of what we're already doing."

"No major changes are mandated, just putting emphasis on the Bible and letting it speak for itself," McCall said.

"People of the Covenant" was never a basic textbook, the president said. "All of the professors use several and it was just one of them."

The new plan will list three reference books of which "People of the Covenant" may be one, McCall said. "Whatever the mainstream of Baptist belief is, the students are going to hear about it," he said.

All of the current professors in the department of religion have voluntarily signed the 1963 statement of Baptist Faith and Message, McCall said. It is not a requirement, he added, although a faculty member's position on the statement is "ascertained" before he is hired.

The report also calls for a Bible conference each year at Baylor to provide fellowship, lectures, inspired and discussion for Baptist leadership.

The trustees approved the report in a closed session in Pat Neff Hall, the university administration building, on July 18, denying access to news media "to enable the trustees to freely discuss the report," said W. Dewey Presley of Dallas, chairman of the trustees.

Discussion was "open and candid" during the meeting, which lasted more than an hour, said James T. Draper Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas. Draper's charges last fall that "People of the Covenant," written in 1963 by H. Jack Flanders and two other men, was "liberal" prompted the year-long study.

Flanders became chairman of the department of religion June 1, succeeding Ray Summers who retired.

Flanders' chairmanship of the department was never discussed, said Draper and Milton E. Cunningham of Houston, chairman of the academic affairs committee, who read the statement at a press conference.

Draper said he had positive feelings about the report and its approval and said, "If we mean what we say, it will give us a means for assuring the future" of teaching at the Baylor department of religion.



## MBREA Officers Meet To Plan

The Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association officers for 1980-81 held a planning meeting July 17 at the Baptist Building. The officers are, left to right: Leon Emery, director, Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; president; Bryan Harris, minister of youth, First, Clinton, vice-president; Gene Hendrix, minister of education, First, Clinton, president-elect; Evelyn Redd, office secretary, Sunday School department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, secretary-treasurer. The group discussed plans for the fall meeting of MBREA, Nov. 11 at First, Clinton, during the Mississippi Baptist Convention; and for the Feb. 19-21, 1981 MBREA meeting in Biloxi.

## Evangelism, Sunday School To Sponsor Church Growth Meets



Cross Hamblin  
Tupelo for 22 years when he resigned recently to accept the teaching post at New Orleans Seminary. A graduate of Union University, Jackson, TN, he earned bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary.

He was president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention 1976-78 and served three years as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in addition to his service on the board for 12 years.

Bryant Cummings, Sunday School department director, will preside at the Laurel and McComb conferences. Roy Collum, Evangelism department director, will preside at the Senatobia and Winona conferences.

Robert Hamblin, Ohio native, had been pastor at Harrisburg Church,

## Belzoni Waters . . .

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one night at the Red Cross shelter. Others stayed with relatives and friends.

The Mississippi Baptist unit arrived on Thursday to coordinate the feeding activities. The food was distributed door-to-door by the Red Cross. At noon Friday and at noon Saturday women of First Baptist Church, Belzoni, prepared sandwiches for the flood victims. Hot meals were prepared on both evenings by the crew at the motor home.

Rusty Griffin of the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department coordinated the efforts. Elmo Bounds of Houston and Omega Shamblin of Vicksburg went to Belzoni with the motor home and stayed through the emergency. Other volunteers came on Friday and on Saturday nights.

"The motor home is the answer for such a small area as was involved in this flood," Griffin said. "There was no need for the big disaster unit," a 40-foot tractor-trailer rig, he added.

Efforts of Mississippi Baptists in disaster relief are financed through the Margaret Lackey State Missions Offering.

## Education Commission

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study and alternatives that were facing the college would have been given due consideration.

The action taken by the Executive Committee is subject to the provisions of Article XVII, Section 2 of the Mississippi Baptist Convention constitution. This section states that any deficit spending by an institution must be approved by the Mississippi Christian Education Commission. The action of the Executive Committee also pointed out that the trustees of the college are responsible for its operation and assures them of the support of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Billy Thamnes, president of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College and chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Education Commission, said the commission recognizes the fact that the responsibility of running the school lies with the Board of Trustees. "We are going to do everything we can to support them," he added. "We are going to work together and cooperate in order that whatever decision is made will be in the best interests of Mississippi Baptists."

A. C. Johnson, president of Clarke College, said, "We feel that Dr. Walker and his commission did a splendid job in preparing the study of Clarke College and that the presentation of the report was excellent. Many suggestions and ideas were contained in the report which should be most helpful in the future planning for Clarke College."

"The administration and trustees of Clarke College will be studying the report carefully to determine how the report can be most effectively utilized. We are excited about the spirit of cooperation which prevails among all of the people interested in the future of the college."

## Doug Kellum Appointed FMB Missionary



Kellum

Douglas L. Kellum was among the 28 persons named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during its July meeting at board headquarters in Richmond, Va.

Kellum will be a general evangelist in Thailand, where he has been a volunteer refugee worker for the Foreign Mission Board for the last three years. He is a member of First Baptist Church, Tutwiler, Miss.

After serving in Vietnam while in the U.S. Army, Kellum returned there as a Southern Baptist missionary journeyman for two years. Later he was a caseworker for Southern Baptist refugee resettlement at Fort Chaffee, Ark., and an international student worker at University of Louisville (Ky.). He also was youth director of First Baptist Church, Lambert, Miss., and a houseparent at a juvenile detention center in Louisville.

Born in Clarksdale, Miss., Kellum grew up in Tutwiler. He received the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, and the master of religious education degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

## "Baptist Advocate" Begins In Dallas, Tex.

By Toby Drain

DALLAS (BP) — Russell Kaemmerling, whose separation from the editorship of Southern Baptist Journal prompted a split in the ranks of the ultra-conservative Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, has obtained a charter for a new magazine in Texas and said he expects to begin publication in August.

The charter was granted by the Texas secretary of state for the Southern Baptist Advocate, which Kaemmerling said will "feature issues and articles of interest to a broad range of Southern Baptists."

The magazine, he said, "ultimately and hopefully will be financed through subscriptions" as well as private donations.

Kaemmerling, a Texas native and graduate of Lamar University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been pastor of First Baptist Church, West Columbia, S.C., for the last three years. He resigned July 13 to move to the Dallas area because "I just like it here."

Kaemmerling, 31, became editor of the Southern Baptist Journal last December, succeeding William Powell. The Journal, like the proposed new Advocate, has no official ties with the Southern Baptist Convention or its state conventions, despite its name.

The Journal was founded in 1973 by Powell and the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship to expose Southern Baptist "liberals" and reportedly had a circulation of 9,000.

Proposed initially to be a monthly, the Journal has been published infrequently. It was in a dispute over future direction of the Journal that Kaemmerling came out on the short end of a 9-2 vote of BFMF directors to return the editorship to Powell. Kaemmerling says he resigned before the vote. Powell says Kaemmerling resigned after the vote.

Several of the BFMF directors also resigned, including chairman M. O. Owens Jr. of Gastonia, N. C. Owens said at the time that a new publication likely would be started.

The Southern Baptist Advocate was incorporated June 23, according to the office of the Texas secretary of state.

Interim directors of the corporation are Kaemmerling; Duane Evans, a Dallas businessman; and D. August Boto, Dallas attorney. Both Evans and Boto are members of First Baptist Church, Dallas.

Boto was one of the hosts for a meet-

ing in Dallas in April to organize laymen in the Dallas Baptist Association to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis. The meeting was held in the Spurgeon-Harris Building, which houses the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies. The center's president, Paige Patterson, was principal speaker for the meeting and outlined a plan to elect a president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Patterson is also the brother-in-law of Kaemmerling, but said last week he had little knowledge of Kaemmerling's plans.

"I am trying not to be informed," he said in a telephone interview, and said he had "absolutely nothing" to do with Kaemmerling's move to the Dallas area.

(Drain is associate editor of the Texas Baptist Standard.)

## State Missions

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Armstrong Offering is used to help finance missions efforts across the nation. The Margaret Lackey Offering is every bit as necessary for missions endeavors that are being carried on in our own state.

Arrangements for obtaining these speakers may be made through the office of the executive secretary-treasurer.

Sept. 14 to 17 is the State Mission Season of Prayer. —DTM



## Gulfshore Summer Staffers

Front row, left to right: Lynda Newell, Hazlehurst; Nancy Sparkman, DeKalb; Kim Prine, Long Beach; Janet Greer, Tupelo; Karen Norris, Memphis; Joyce Butler, Jackson; Jana Hemphill, Louisville; Hope, Starnes, Greenville; Tina Hemphill, Louisville.

Third row, left to right: Hursel Sullivan, staff house parent, Ft. Worth, TX; Garland Rowe, Long Beach; Alan Prine, Long Beach; Tim Holt, Bay Springs, Steve White, Yazoo City; Terry Rigg, Tupelo; Marty Dillard, Booneville; Gerald Prine, Long Beach; Randy McClellan, Tupelo;

Mark Gunn, Forest; Robby Boyd, Bay St. Louis.

Fourth row, left to right: Mitch Tyner, Canton; Billy Wedgeworth, Long Beach; Mark Franklin, Long Beach; Steven Jefcoat, Soso; Holland McDaniel, Tupelo; Nathan Fitts, Tupelo; Jeff Love, Madisonville, KY; Frank Simmons, manager, Long Beach; Dale Gibson, Long Beach.

Not pictured: Lori McClendon, Poplarville; B. J. Murphree, Meridian; Connie Penton, Picayune; Debbie Sullivan, staff house parent, Ft. Worth, TX.

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## Editorials

### Maintaining our Southern Baptist position . . .

### We must have faith

When we decided to become Baptists, all of us who have made such a decision, we decided at the same time to become affiliated with a religious group of people who do not insist that everyone believe exactly alike in every respect in order to be a part of the group.

We must have that allowance in beliefs in order to be Baptists, for one of the doctrines that we all hold as in-violate is the one we call the individual priesthood of the believer, and soul competency.

Nobody but the Lord can tell any one of us what we must believe. So while there cannot be any Baptist statement of beliefs other than the Bible, we tried (in 1963) to formulate a statement that would generally describe Baptist positions.

Because we have no way of arriving at a firmly established and complete set of Baptist beliefs without its becoming a creed, there are varying concepts among Baptists. Many of us are prone to say that those whose beliefs vary from ours are not Baptist. Yet we cannot have a creed if we are to remain Baptist.

Many hailed the statement of Baptist Faith and Message of 1963 as being as fine a presentation of such beliefs as could be compiled. The tragedy of the hour, however, is that the statement is in danger of becoming our creed.

Most Baptists would say that the statement describes Baptists but is in

no wise binding on them.

But others would declare that these are the conditions that describe Baptists and they must be adhered to or the one failing to fit the conditions is not a Baptist. Many would say the statement is not restrictive enough and would seek to draw its conclusions into a tighter circle and make them binding. The Southern Baptist Convention this year moved in that direction. If the Baptist Faith and Message Statement is ever once used by the body of Southern Baptists (the convention) to exercise control over a person's beliefs, then we are no longer Baptists and should begin calling ourselves something else. We don't have to be Baptists to be religious, but we cannot have a creed and be Baptists. We can continue to do all we are doing in the name of the Lord around the world without being Baptists. If we become creedalists, we will not be Baptists. Our work can go on, but we won't be Baptists.

Our discussions seem to revolve around seminary faculties, and we have to make some decisions. We have to allow our seminary professors to dig and probe and think, or we are going to force them to operate only in the framework of the "historic Baptist position." If we chose the latter, we are going to have to define such a position, for it has not been defined until now. Once defined, it may allow professors to dig and probe and think. If

we are ever able to come to a totally acclaimed definition and then we insist on its being used, we will have become creedalists. Even if we all agree on what we are to, to insist we have to be that is creedal.

We may indeed and properly so insist that our seminary professors stay within the "traditional Southern Baptist position," if we can determine what that is; for it is true that to some extent missions funds are used to make provisions for their ministry. Once we have made such demands on our faculties, however, will we extend the same demands to convention messengers? Why not, if we make those demands of our professors? If we do, we have established a creed.

It is true that Southern Baptists are changing. We have changed a great deal in the lifetime of the writer. My concepts were begun in the 1930s and are pretty generally conservative, but there have been changes in Southern Baptists. We have become more sophisticated and much more affluent. That has changed us. We have become less rigid in many ways.

The obvious question that remains, however, is how are we going to go about preserving our "Southern Baptist heritage," whatever we might conceive that to be, without the adoption, in order to get it done, of something that at least is in danger of being called a creed.

The answer is in exercising faith. We must have faith in the Lord to guide those who are dealing with the Scriptures. We must have faith in those who are dealing with the Scriptures that they will pay attention to the Lord. We must have faith in our Southern Baptist system and in the election of trustees that those trustees will exercise responsibility and that their work will be with administrative people who are also dedicated and responsible. We must have faith in the students as they study and continue our faith in them as they move into pastorate and other positions. We must have faith in denominational staff people to guide our world-wide witnessing efforts.

If we have this faith, we can move on with our hope and goal of witnessing so that all the world may have the opportunity of hearing the gospel before the end of the century.

If that faith is broken, we cannot move until it is restored, regardless of what it takes to restore it.

I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting system through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune him in. — George Washington Carver.

There is no place for silent Christians under the administration of the Holy Spirit. The pressure of God upon the heart inevitably finds escape at the lip — Charles Henry Parkhurst.



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### Augustine McPhail



For one woman to serve as WMU director, later as Church Training director, and still later as Sunday School director, all in one church, is an unusual occurrence. Or so it strikes me. Augustine McPhail has been all three at Main Street Church, Hattiesburg.

She lives at 615 Woodbine Lane, where Marjorie Rowden Kelly lived before she moved to Jackson. I went there to see her, but getting information about her from herself was like pulling teeth. "I'm not to be congratulated," she said. "It's a Christian's responsibility to serve the Lord."

Other people haven't minded telling me about her though — and all they have said has been good. Her pastor, John Barnes, told me, "She is a dedicated worker for the Lord. She is unselfish, always thinking of others."

Except for a few years at Providence Church, she has never belonged anywhere except Main Street since she was baptized there at nine. For a while, in her teens, she wanted to be a foreign missionary. "But God called me to serve through Main Street."

While she was WMU director (eight years) enrollment grew to include all women of the church but 28, and numerous youth organizations. As Church Training director (13 years) she three times saw attendance pass 1,000. Since she became Sunday School director four years ago (following the death of her husband Homer and her subsequent retirement from a career as teacher and supervisor of high school English teaching) she has seen a Cradle Roll started and Homebound department reactivated. Also departments have been organized for young marrieds, preschoolers, and singles, as well as a couple's class for young adults.

Mississippi. She is excellent at working with people; her personality and attitudes elicit the finest response from others."

After Augustine Hudson married Homer McPhail, merchant and cattle farmer, they went to live in the Providence community; she taught English at Eatontown. Her B.A. and M.A. degrees are from USM; and she has completed most of the requirements for a Ph.D.

Her joy in the Lord's service began with an event that occurred six years after marriage, soon after the birth of her only child. Spontaneously she shared this beautiful testimony with me, and I begged her to let me pass it on to you.

Six years she and Homer had longed for a child; then Ray was born. Shortly afterward, Augustine realized her vision was rapidly blurring. Within hours it was almost gone. One doctor told her she had a brain tumor. A second said uremic poisoning had destroyed the optical nerves; he held no hope for returning sight, but gave her typhoid fever shots to raise her temperature and kill the poison in other parts of her body. (Medicine we now use was not available then.)

She fought against God and blamed Him. She grieved because she could not see or care for her baby. After 21 days of total blindness she awoke late one night, violently ill. Her hair was all tangled and her face drawn and pale from nausea, but Homer said to her, "You are beautiful. I love you." She thought, "If he can love me even in this state, then I know God loves me enough to make me happy, even without my eyesight."

At that moment she stopped fighting and turned her problems over to God completely and said, "I give You my sight. I give You my baby, my life, my everything." In that instant, she knew she would see again. Gradually, over the next three months, to her doctor's amazement, her vision returned.

The expression in her alert brown eyes softened, as in her rich, deep voice she declared, "I learned the secret of the Christian life then. It is to say, 'Thy will be done, Lord,' — and mean it."

Advice is the one thing which is "more blessed to give than to receive."

### For budget committees . . .

### Salary survey reports available

As churches face budget finalization time shortly, the committees dealing with their financial affairs will find helpful the 1980 Church Staff Salary Survey Report that has been sent to every pastor in the state.

The report was prepared and distributed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Department of Church-Minister Relations and Annuity. Clifton Perkins is the director, and William H. Sellers is the associate. Sellers operates primarily as annuity representative for the state.

The report was sent to the pastors in the state because the Baptist Building has a mailing going to the pastors once each month. This mailing includes just about everything going to the churches as a postage-saving measure. The finance or budget committees may obtain the copies from the pastors, or they may contact the Department of Church-Minister Relations for a copy. The point is that these committees

need to know how their churches compare with others across the state in staff member salaries. There is no need for the family of a church staff member to suffer financially because the church is not aware of what is being paid for his position. This book will give that information.

A church cannot in good conscience take the attitude that if a staff member is not paid enough he can go to another church which would pay more. Thankfully, Baptist church staff positions are not filled in that manner. It is not as if an employee of one company were to decide that he wasn't being paid enough and so he would go to other companies to determine their pay scales. When he found one he thought was enough better than his present position he would make application.

The Baptist church staff person approaching his situation in such a manner would find very shortly that he would be needing to make application

with secular employers. The Baptist concept is that the Lord will find the place of service for the workers He has called into His service, and those workers will stay where placed until the Lord (or, regrettably, sometimes someone else) lets it be known it is time for him to go to a new place of service. Thus he is always at the mercy of the church in the matter of salary. This is as it should be; but the church, in fulfilling its part of the ministry, must be adequately informed and responsive.

This book will make such information available to every church and make possible the proper response. The book is broken down to give salary guidelines in the following categories: pastor, associate pastor, minister of education, minister of music, minister of music/education, minister of music/youth, minister of activities, minister of youth, age group ministries, bi-vocational pastor, bi-vocational minister of music, bi-

vocational minister of music/youth, associational director of missions, and bi-vocational associational director of missions.

The church statistics are broken down according to the size of churches. For each there are the highest, lowest, and average figures for total compensation, direct income, fringe benefits, and church business expense. The same figures are given for directors of missions and are broken down by the number of churches in the associations.

There may be church finance/budget committees that would feel they would be able to perform their functions without the knowledge to be found in this book. It is hard to imagine, however, that any committee would not be better able to function once it had availed itself of this knowledge. It is to be had for the asking, and to fail to ask would seem almost to amount to negligence.

course by hundreds of miles at the voyage's end. It's in the home where the child begins this voyage, and you perform a real service when good stewardship practices are taught. The child's mind, like clay, can be shaped and molded to include great stewardship concepts that will benefit him for the rest of his life. From the crib to the campus is the span for your input to count.

Is it important? Your child, like it or not, will have to deal with money the rest of his life. It has become an emotional-explosive aspect of life and much mental duress has money in the background. National surveys have indicated money problems to be primary reasons for divorces in nine out of ten cases. It creates tension and interminable arguments in the home. The fiscal facts of life are urgently needed by our children today. The stewardship truths that you give will far outlast the money of an allowance. "Why do I tithe? . . . why I remember when I was quite young and my Dad said to me. . . ."

This teaching cannot be left to the church alone. The relationship to material things is forming in the child's mind. At the beginning of a voyage, it is so important that the ship be on the right course. Alter the compass course by one degree at the beginning and it means you could be off

for the rest of your life.

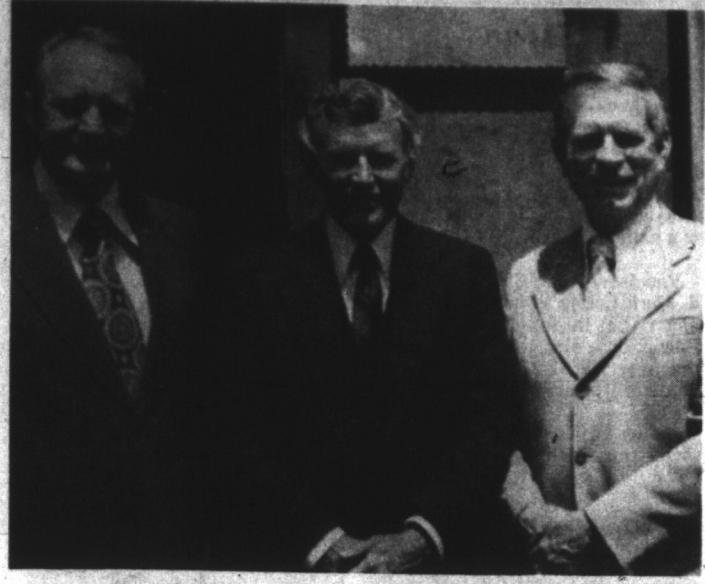
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### Claypool Preaches In Rome

John Claypool, pastor of Northminster Church, Jackson, and Mrs. Claypool have been in Europe and the Middle East for three months of study. On June 15, Claypool preached at the Rome Baptist Church (English language), Rome, Italy. He is pictured above at center with two Southern Baptist missionaries who work in Rome: Robert Holfield of Soso, Miss., left, treasurer of the Italian Baptist Mission, and William C. Ruchti, Texas and Georgia, right, who is pastor of the Rome English language congregation.

## Washington Countians Renovate Korean Church

A team of volunteers from Washington County Association renovated the Long Beach Korean Baptist Church at Long Beach, Calif., June 14-21. The trip was undertaken as a home missions effort in connection with Bold Mission Thrust.

The team of nine built a platform for the pulpit and choir, finished most of the dry wall preparation for painting, installed windows, relocated an existing inside wall, and cleaned up the church property.

Roy D. Raddin, director of missions, Washington Association, was coordinator of the project. The association learned of the need through the state Brotherhood department.

The group flew to Long Beach, and then traveled by church van to and from the work site. Several churches and individuals in the Washington Association made contributions toward financing the project. The association paid \$125 on each plane ticket, and asked the team members to pay \$150 each. When ticket prices went up, the association took care of the difference.

Churches represented on the team included First, Greenville; First, Leland; Greenhill, Greenville; Glendale and Parkview, Leland; Hollendale; and Bogue, Greenville.

Before leaving, the team members met three times, blueprints in hand, to discuss work that needed to be done at the Korean church.

In assessing the value of the project, Raddin said, "I felt this was one of the greatest mission projects in which I have ever been involved. We felt our group was a blessing to the Korean people, but all of us felt we received the greatest blessing from them. We'd go back tomorrow."

He added, "I know all nine people who took part in this project will be

goodwill ambassadors to our association for any additional trips we may plan. All those who took part have said their lives will never be the same following this experience."

Frank and Elba Hope of Leland expressed it this way: "The privilege and pleasure of working with and for fellow Christians brought blessings beyond our ability to express in mere words. The English language group of Christians and the foreign language group of Christians were brought closer together and even with the language difference were made more aware of what Christian brotherly love is all about."

Dwight Livingston said, "I received a different perspective on mission activities and needs. I attained a deeper commitment to making myself available to Christians throughout the U.S. and the world. We were able to build a closer relationship between ourselves and the Korean people. The Korean people saw their project become a reality and at the same time were pleasantly surprised to see people come from so far away to help them."

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Volunteers from Washington County Association in Mississippi who took part in a church building project at Long Beach Korean Baptist Church in California are pictured with four from the California church. Back row, left to right: Roy D. Raddin, Greenville, project coordinator; Mike Smith, Leland; James Parks (Calif.); Robert Haney, pastor, Greenfield, Greenville; Willie Stewart, Greenville; John Parks (pastor of the Korean Baptist Church); Mrs. John Parks; Frank Hope, and Mrs. Frank Hope, Leland. Front row: Soon Hee (Calif.); Dwight Livingston, Wayside; Jody Nichols, Leland; John Fleming, Hollendale.

## Revival Dates

**Crooked Creek (Lawrence):** Aug. 3-8; Sunday morning, afternoon, and evening services and dinner on the ground; during week at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Cliff Estes, evangelist; Leonard Walters, pastor; special music Sunday afternoon by the Countryside from Hattiesburg.

**Sardis Church, Hazlehurst (Copiah):** Aug. 3-8; Kenneth Westbrook, pastor of Central Church, Melbourne, Florida, evangelist; Donald Curtis, music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with lunch served at noon; weekday services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Lamar Jolly, Pastor.

**Parkhill Church, Jackson:** youth-led revival; Aug. 22-24; Ronnie Jones of Stateline Church, Stateline, a senior at Mobile College, speaker; Don Pratt, a senior at Samford University, Birmingham, leading the music; Steve Mooneyham, minister of youth and activities at Parkhill; services at 7:30 Thursday through Saturday nights and at regular times on Sunday.

**Clifton Church (Scott):** Aug. 3-8; Onan Gardner of South Louisville Church, Louisville, preaching; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Clayton Hart, pastor.

**Robinson Church (Rankin):** Aug. 3-6; Leo Humphrey, New Orleans, La., evangelist; Curtis Hatcher, Lakeshore, Jackson, music evangelist; Sundays - Homecoming with dinner on the grounds followed by an afternoon service; 7:30 p.m. night; Mike Pennock, pastor.

**Mt. Zion Church (Pike):** Aug. 3-8; Gary Strehlow, pastor Mt. Zion, Simpson, evangelist; Smiley Conery, Spring Creek, Kentwood, La., music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m., lunch at the church and 7:30 p.m., week day 7:30 p.m.; James Barren, pastor.

**Longview Heights Church, Olive Branch:** Aug. 10-15; services daily 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; evangelist - Tommy Tutor, First Church, Benton, Ark.; singer - David K. Pierce, First Church, Sikeston, Mo.; pastor - Armon D. Taylor.

**Rock Bluff (Smith):** Aug. 4-8; at 7:30 p.m.; Tommy Miles, pastor, preaching; George Dukes, song leader; homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 3.

**Mars Hill Church, Summit:** Aug. 3-8; M. Thomas Starkes, associate professor of Christian missions and world religions, New Orleans Seminary, preaching; Randy Miller, minister of music Red Bluff, La., leading music; services at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday; 7:30 p.m. during week; Greg Long, pastor.

**New Haven (Choctaw):** Aug. 3-8; W. Levon Moore, director of missions, Altala Association, evangelist; John Sapp, minister of music-youth, Ackerman Church, song leader; Norman A. Perkins, pastor; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. except Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Bunker Hill Church (Marion):** Aug. 3-8; 10:30 a.m.; 7:30 p.m.; Jerry Henderson, pastor, Petal-Harvey Church, Petal, evangelist; J. R. Blakney, Monroeville, Ala., music director; Wanda Robbins, organist; Mrs. David Perry, pianist; David Perry, pastor.

**Smyrna Church, Hazlehurst:** Aug. 3-8; Stan Weatherford, pastor of Spring Hill Church, evangelist; Myrna Loy Hedgepeth, music evangelist; Dexter Ware, pastor; dinner on the grounds and homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 3; services during week at 7 p.m.

**Goodwater (Lauderdale):** Aug. 3-8; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Billy Whitaker, pastor, preaching; Harold Hollingsworth, Jr., directing music.

**Pleasant Grove near Laurel:** Aug. 3-8; Mon.-Fri. at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Bartie Harper, evangelist; Robert Winn, leading the music; Dicky McAlister, pastor.

**Goodwater Church (Smith):** Aug. 3-8; Joel Haire, consultant, Stewardship department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, evangelist; Curtis Berry, Water Valley, leading the music; services Sunday morning and night at regular time; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Carl E. Hayes, pastor.

**Forest Hill Church, Jackson:** Evangelist Jerry Wayne Bernard; July 27-Aug. 1, at 7:30 p.m.; Wilbur Irwin, pastor.

## Pennies Support World Missions

By Norman Jameson

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The world mission enterprise of the Southern Baptist Convention is funded by voluntary contributions which amount to a fraction of the money given in 35,605 local churches.

Churches decide individually what percentage or dollar amount of their budget they want to send for world missions through the denomination's Cooperative Program. In 1974-78, the gifts averaged 8.84 percent of the offering plate dollar received by the local church.

That money is then sent to the church's Baptist state convention office of which there are 34. Once a year the local churches send messengers to their state convention meeting, where, among other things, they decide what percentage of the income received by the state convention to forward for work administered by the BC agencies.

Historically, the state conventions have forwarded about 35 percent of their income for SBC causes. Many are currently into long-range plans that will raise that percentage.

Eighteen convention agencies then derive their primary support from those funds forwarded to and disbursed by the SBC Executive Committee. The Sunday School Board and Woman's Missionary Union receive no SBC Cooperative Program funds. The Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board derive about half their budgets from annual special offerings.

The 18 agencies, established by messengers at annual Southern Baptist Convention meetings over the years, survive on about 35 percent of the 8.8 cents of each offering plate dollar forwarded by local churches.

That means 3.1 cents of each offering plate dollar from Southern Baptist churches supports the work of two mission boards which employ 6,000 career missionaries; six theological seminaries with some 11,000 students (and the Seminary Extension Department for another 10,500 students); plus the work sponsored by other agencies such as the Brotherhood, Christian Life, Education, Historical, Radio and Television, and Stewardship commissions; the Southern Baptist Foundation; Annuity Board; the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; and the Convention operating budget.

The mission boards and seminaries will receive 90.22 percent of the funds in the 1980-81 budget. The other 10 agencies will share the remaining 9.78 percent.

(Jameson is BP feature editor.)

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# Rankin Baptists Assist Five Nevada Churches

In April, Rankin County Baptist Association voted to send \$6,000 to the Nevada Baptist Convention for the foundation and stem wall of the Calvary Baptist Mission Church located east of Dayton, Nevada, on Highway 50 and Flower Avenue. Jerry Peterson, pastor, said that this mission church is

the only Gospel preaching church in the valley of 5,000-7,000 people. They had 54 persons attending worship on June 6 in a single wide mobile unit. A construction crew from Oklahoma and Greene County, Miss., completed the foundation work on June 10 for the 2736 sq. ft. building.



Rankin County group at Calvary Baptist Church, Dayton, Nev.

## Missionary News

**W. H. Goyne**, father of Mrs. R. T. Buckley, missionary to Bangladesh, died July 3 in Picayune, Miss. 39466. Mrs. Buckley may be addressed at Box 99, Dacca 2, Bangladesh.

**Michel and Bonnie Simoneaux**, missionaries to Japan, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 3427 Somerset Dr., New Orleans, La. 70114). He is a native of New Orleans. The former Bonnie Rushing, she was born in Magnolia, Miss., and lived in Summit, Miss., and New Orleans while growing up.

**Thomas and Pamela Starkey**, missionaries to Benin, have completed language study in France and arrived on the field (address: B. P. 114, Abomey, Benin). He was born in Mississippi. Miss. She is from Pontotoc.

## N. Greenwood Ordains Joe May

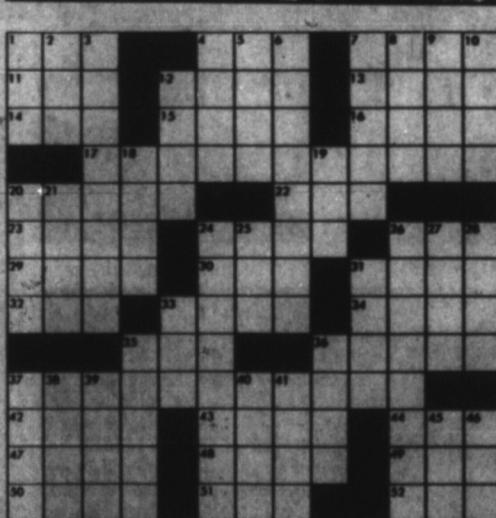
By Walter Yeldell, Pastor  
North Greenwood Church

Joe May was ordained to the gospel ministry by North Greenwood Church on June 1.

Joe was a very successful business man, in his early thirties, and was very much involved in many of the activities of his church: a deacon, a Sunday School teacher, a Sunday School director, very much involved with youth work.

## Bible Puzzle

Bible Puzzles  
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1 O.T. book: abbr.  
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14 "the heaven — opened"  
(Luke 3)  
15 City of Judah  
(Josh. 15:39)  
16 Mountain: comb. form  
17 "river of — — —"  
(Rev. 22)  
20 Ahab made one  
(1 Ki. 16:33)  
22 Old World sandpiper  
23 Old Irish freeman
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1 "By a — and living way"  
(Heb. 10)  
2 High note  
3 "wrought with — —"  
(Jas. 2)  
4 Mist  
5 Affirm  
6 "spoken of for a —"  
(Mark 14)  
7 "Abhorred — the hearts"  
(2 Sam. 15)  
8 Equal: comb. form  
9 Treble or Bass  
10 Century plant  
12 "If the world — you"  
(John 15)  
18 Topaz hummingbirds  
19 "I have — you with — mill."  
(1 Cor. 2)  
20 Araria  
21 Nevada city  
24 "with — —"  
(2 Cor. 3:18)  
25 Roman goddess of earth  
26 Far above rubies  
(Prov. 31:10)  
27 Father-in-law of Esau  
(Gen. 26:2)  
28 Prince (Ezek. 39:1; poss.)  
31 Musical instrument  
33 Also  
35 Resentment  
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## CRYPTOVERSE

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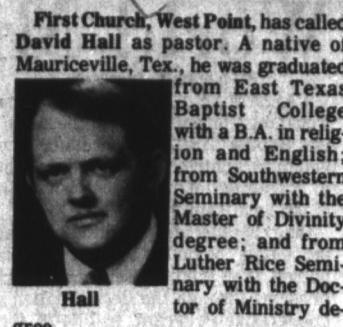
## Grace (Jones) Builds Sanctuary

When Grace Church, Jones County, broke ground for a new sanctuary, Maurice Flowers, Jones County director of missions, delivered the message. The building, now under construction, will seat 330. Completion date was set for Sept. 7. Building Committee members are Ronnie Williams, chairman, L. D. Gatlin, Jr., E. W. Williams, Arnold Overstreet, Melvin Scruggs, and Lynard Henderson. Mac Parker is pastor.

## New Zion Choir Will Sing At Lula Church

The youth choir of the New Zion Church, Tylertown, will present musical at the Lula Church, Bolton Hinds-Madison Association, Carlos Smith, youth choir director. Carl Stewart is Lula pastor. The presentation will be Friday night, Aug. 1, at 7 p.m.

## Staff Changes



First Church, West Point, has called **David Hall** as pastor. A native of Mauriceville, Tex., he was graduated from East Texas Baptist College with a B.A. in religion and English; from Southwestern Seminary with the Master of Divinity degree; and from Luther Rice Seminary with the Doctor of Ministry degree.

He goes to West Point from Plantersville where he has served since 1974. Mrs. Hall is the former Wanda McDuffie of Jasper, Tex.

**Glen Puckett, Jr.** is the new pastor of East McComb Church. He and his wife Judy and their two children were welcomed July 13 with a reception and a pounding.

**Robert Goodman**, is new minister of music at First, McComb. He recently received a Master's degree from Southwestern Seminary. He and his wife Donna and son have moved to Pike Association.

**Oscar Russell**, pastor of East Side, Gulf Coast, has resigned.

**Walter McCraw**, pastor of DeLisle, Gulf Coast, has resigned.

First Church, Long Beach, has called **David W. Spencer** as pastor. He began preaching there on July 20. He and his wife Connie are the parents of two sons, Brett and Jonathan. Spencer is a native of Sardis.

Vancleave, First Church has called **J. Mark Helms** as minister of music and youth. He leaves First Church, Phenix City, Ala., where he served in the same capacity. He is a graduate of Samford University with a degree in music.

Helms is married to the former Cindy Amos of Opelika, Ala. The pastor at Vancleave is Robert C. Davis.

First Church, Holly Springs, has welcomed **Ron Bolen** as minister of music and youth. Bolen received the Bachelor of Music degree from William Carey College and MME from Delta State University.

He taught at Indiana Academy for two years, and goes to Holly Springs from First

**Bolen** Church, Indianola. He and his wife, the former Penny Hooper of Cleveland, have one daughter, Christie.

**Roger Stacy** has resigned as pastor of the County Line Church in Crystal Springs. He has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Blanding, Utah. The Stacys are moving, in answer to the Bold Mission Thrust challenge. They were approved for the Church Pastoral Assistance program in March of 1980. The Home Mission Board approved their move to Blanding, Utah July 15. He will begin his duties there Aug. 10. His mailing address is: Box 652, Blanding, Utah 84511.

**Neely Church**, George-Greene Association, has called **LaRue Stephens** as pastor.

**Tommy Leach**, Baptist Student Union director at Northeast Mississippi Junior College at Senatobia has resigned to enter Clinical Pastoral Education.

He will work in the one year program under Chaplain James Travis at the University Medical Center in Jackson. He is slated to begin the program work Sept. 15.

**John Hawkins** has become pastor of East Palestine Baptist Church, Picayune. He served 17 years as pastor of McDowell Road Baptist Church in Jackson prior to going to Picayune. George Roberson of the Gateway Rescue Mission, is supply pastor at the McDowell Road church.

## Jerry Gale King

### Is Named Dean,

### School of Business

**Jerry Gale King**, professor of accounting at William Carey College, has been named Dean of the college's School of Business, according to an announcement by Joseph M. Ernest, Jr., academic vice-president. King will begin his new role on August 15.

King has previously served as chairman of Carey's department of business administration from 1969 to 1976, when he accepted the chairmanship of the Department of Accounting at Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond. He returned to Carey last year as professor of accounting. Other teaching experience includes positions at Middle Tennessee State University and the University of Arkansas.

A native of Liberty, he received both bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from the University of Southern Mississippi. He earned a doctorate in accounting from the University of Mississippi in 1975.

King will replace Steve Robinson as dean. Robinson has resigned to accept a position as professor of business administration and economics at Carson-Newman College in Tennessee.



Coulter

## Jamie Coulter Sings At New Pleasantdale

New Pleasantdale Church near Philadelphia held an old-fashioned outdoor barbecue and singing on Saturday, July 26. Featured singers were the New Lawman Quartet, The Corinthians, Jamie Coulter, and the Christian Way Singers, and various local groups.

The singing began at noon and lasted until 7 p.m. Any profits, from the barbecue were to go toward the building fund for the new sanctuary now being built. J. C. Herrington is pastor.

Jamie Coulter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Coulter of Hamburg, Ark., is 13 years old, 28 inches high and weighs about 25 lbs. He was born with 28 fractured bones and has had 27 major operations. At birth the doctors said, "He has no chance to live." Jamie has brittle bone disease or osteogenesis imperfecta.

Jamie has been singing gospel music since he was big enough to talk, but only in public since 1973. He has been on the cerebral palsy telethon for the past five years. He went from door to door in his wheelchair last year and collected \$1,500 to donate to C.P. He sings at nursing homes, revivals and benefit sings all over Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

He united with Jarvis Chapel Baptist Church, Hamburg, on July 14, 1978. His hobbies are singing, playing the guitar, hunting, and fishing, and he is now known as "The All-American Skateboard operator." Since he will only go by skateboard, he refuses to sit or use his wheel chair anymore.

A beggar, with a hat in each hand, approached a prosperous-looking man on the street.

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